

# Green numbers on the clock

I've been pondering the past few months on the choice I made a couple of years ago on my alarm clock. The numbers are BIG!!! For my aging eyes that is a good thing. There is a problem, the clock is very bright. Most nights, I really don't notice it, but when I am having trouble sleeping (tonight!!), the clock just seems to light up the room. While it isn't quite bright enough to read by, I don't have to turn on a light to make my way around anything I may find on the floor (dog?). I've been wondering if I shouldn't have looked for a different alarm clock. Tonight those BIG GREEN numbers are just passing by keeping me awake.

Really, I'm a bit of an insomniac anyway, so on some nights it doesn't take much to keep my eyes open. I also have other complaints about the clock, but it does wake me up on most mornings, so it isn't all bad. Even after staying awake half the night, the alarm/radio is loud enough to wake me.

But I did get my green in didn't I... One more color to go.

Now on to other "Green" things. The \$\$Cost\$\$ of gasoline this last weekend skyrocketed on limited supplies. I've heard of places where they have run out of gas, or even gas going for over \$5.00 per gallon. This is when Oil prices dropped to below \$100 per barrel. Now I realize the recent Gulf Coast Hurricanes disrupted the supply lines, but you would think after all these years of Hurricanes people would think to move as much gas as possible before the storms hit. Maybe not, but I think I would have done that. Shutting everything down is all well and good, especially since it does keep people safe, but some forethought is also needed. Just trying to save some of my green.

The green leaves are starting their fall change already too. Some of the early turners in this area are the Ash, Hickories

and Walnuts. Driving through the country side you can see the few yellow/brown leaves in the small wood lots. Don't blink though, these trees lose their leaves quickly. I remember going to college and the campus had mostly tall Hickories around the buildings. By Mid to late September all the leaves were gone from the trees. Made fall come very quickly. And if I remember correctly, they got their leaves later in the spring than other trees too. Long winters in NW Ohio...

One more color on my small list of eight crayon colors... And then maybe something else.. I never know where my thoughts will lead...

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## **Have truck, will deliver**

Or the continuing story of 1 guy and his truck.

I have a small bed pickup (2004 Chevy Colorado, crew cab), and I do use this thing as a truck. I bought it to be a truck, and to move people (hence the crew cab), and that is how I use it.

A couple of weekends ago it was used to carry 5 people to an animal park and haunted house. Approx 4 hour drive (not including the animal park) and everyone got home safe. Today it was used as a truck. Moving a few pieces of furniture needed for the latest stage production, I visited 3 houses and pick up 1 coffee table, 1 stereo rack, 1 couch, a couple of posters and 1 folding table. Not all in one trip, the couch took up the rear bed with the gate down.

This is not the first time I've used my truck to move various things for the theater, or myself. Over the past four years, I've moved lots of firewood, plywood, refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, stuff from my daughter's

apartment, equipment needed for a magic show, stage flats, and almost anything else that could fit in the bed.

After 4 years, I still like this truck. Even with gas being \$4.00 a gallon, I like this truck.

I hope to keep the truck for a good long time, and I plan on driving it until it drops. Still get around 25 miles to the gallon on the highway (no load), so it isn't really too bad to drive to and from work. And I guess for the next few years, the people I know will say, I know somebody with a truck, and he doesn't mind moving things....